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**STACKED MICROVOIDED LIGHT
DIFFUSER**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification beginning at page 8, line 25 through page 9, line 7 with the following:

--Fig. 1 is a cross section of the light diffuser 12 of the invention containing two voided layers. Light diffuser 12 contains polymer matrix layer 22 which comprises small voids 24. Large air voids 30 are dispersed in polymer matrix layer 28. The two voided layers contain interface 26.

Fig. 2 illustrates a liquid crystal display device with a light diffuser 12 with multiple polymer voided layers. Visible light source 18 is illuminated and light is guided into acrylic board 2. Reflection tape 4 is used to focus light energy into the acrylic board 2. Reflection tape 6, reflection tape 10 and reflection film 8 are utilized to keep light energy from exiting the acrylic board in